

Multi-Domain Battle **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is Multi-Domain battle?

Multi-Domain Battle describes a coordinated U.S. Army and U.S. Marine approach for combined arms in the 21st century. It addresses the challenges posed by sophisticated peer adversary threats in the 2025-2040 timeframe, an environment in which all domains are contested – land, air, maritime, space and cyberspace, and across the electromagnetic spectrum. Due to advances made by adversaries, U.S. forces can no longer assume superiority in any domain. Ground forces must fully integrate with their joint partners to project power from land into all domains in order to deter and defeat potential adversaries.

2. Why is Multi-Domain Battle needed?

Revisionist states seek to alter the post-Cold War security order. Potential adversaries are developing methods to counter the U.S. force's advantages in all domains and threaten their ability to maintain overmatch. U.S. forces are not organized, trained, equipped or postured to contest emerging threats. Multi-Domain Battle will allow the joint force to evolve from joint force interdependence to true integration in order to deter and defeat potential adversaries.

3. How does Multi-Domain Battle differ from AirLand Battle?

AirLand Battle focused on two domains against a very specific threat and location and with the assumption that maritime and air would create windows of opportunity for land forces. Due to advances by adversaries to exploit potential U.S. force vulnerabilities and challenge their freedom of maneuver across all domains, U.S. forces must widen their aperture to focus on the convergence of all five domains by fully integrating with joint partners in order to deter and defeat a variety of threats.

4. Is Multi-Domain Battle a joint concept, or Army concept?

Multi-Domain Battle is a coordinated U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps approach for ground combat operations against a sophisticated peer enemy threat. The Army's intent is to have a full concept by early fiscal year 2018 from which it can frame future discussions and efforts. This will be done in direct coordination with sister services. Multi-Domain Battle is inherently joint and requires the full integration of joint force.

5. What is the timeline for concept development?

The goal is to have the full U.S. Army concept for Multi-Domain Battle approved by the Army Chief of Staff in early FY18. TRADOC and the Army will continue to work with the joint staff to integrate Multi-Domain Battle into joint concepts. U.S. Army Pacific will begin integrating Multi-Domain Battle into exercises during FY17, and U.S. Army Europe will do the same in FY18.

6. How will the Multi-Domain Battle concept be tested?

Operational commands, such as U.S. Army Pacific, will integrate Multi-Domain Battle into exercises during fiscal year 2017, and U.S. Army Europe will do the same in fiscal year 2018. Additionally, TRADOC's Army Capabilities Integration Center will use several venues for testing and evaluating concepts and capabilities in support of the Multi-Domain Battle concept to include: the Network Integration Evaluation and Joint Warfighting Assessments, Unified Challenge, and Unified Quest.

7. What is the purpose of the white paper?

The white paper is a point of departure. It is NOT the final concept. It is intended to promote thought and discussion. Its hypotheses will inform the conversation and the development of the concept. It is TRADOC's desire that everyone who has an interest in the development of the concept contribute to the conversation.

8. How can I contribute to the conversation?

TRADOC not only welcomes, but is petitioning to members of the joint force, academia, think tanks and the general public to participate in the conversation to help in the development of the concept and the iterative refinement process.

For general information about Multi-Domain Battle, go [here](#).

To participate in the professional dialogue, go to Army University Press [here](#).